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I NEVER SHOULDA LET YOU TWO BE PART OF THE CONVOY!
I KNEW I SHOULDA TRUSTED MY GUT! DR. WILY'S ESCAPED, AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
THAT'S LUDICROUS!
I'M SORRY, AGENT STERN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!
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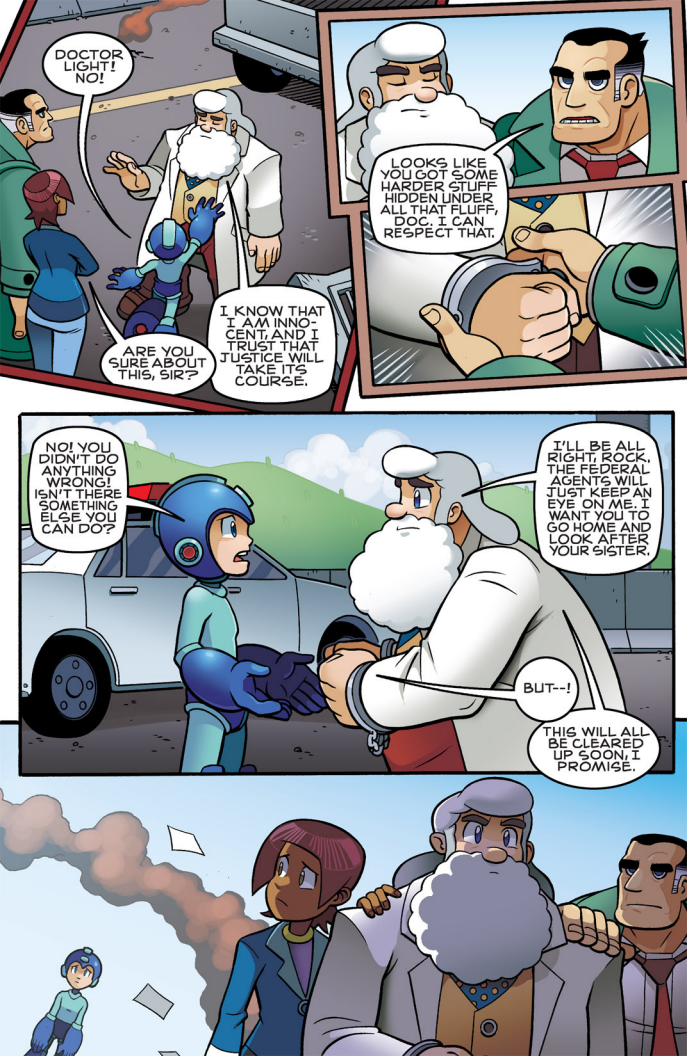
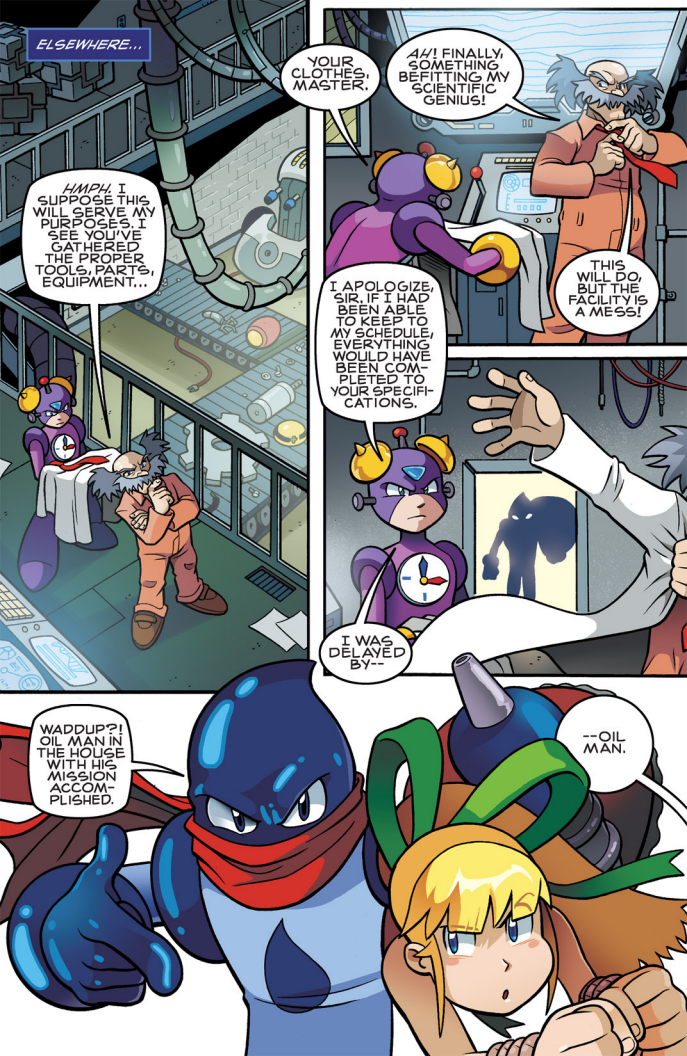
NO? SEE IF THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR TO YA.
LITTLE BOY BLUE HERE JOINS THE POLICE ESCORT AND THEN GETS INTO A FLASHY RAZZLE-DAZZLE BATTLE WITH THAT PILE OF SCRAP OVER THERE.
THEN, WHILE EVERYONE'S DISTRACTED, YOUR BUDDY, WILY, ESCAPES. SO THE TWO OF YOU CAN START ANOTHER ROBOT REVOLUTION!
THE ATTACK WAS OBVIOUSLY A DISTRACTION, BUT MEGA MAN AND I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH! THERE'S NO EVIDENCE ON HAND TO VERIFY YOUR ALIBI...
...OR ANYONE'S GUILT.
THE IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS THAT DR. WILY IS ON THE LOOSE. WE NEED TO CATCH HIM BEFORE HE CAUSES TROUBLE!

I'LL HELP! I'LL MAKE UP FOR NOT STOPPING HIM!
NOT A CHANCE! THIS'LL BE HANDLED BY THE REAL AUTHORITIES WITH REAL MAN-POWER, CAPEESH!?
Y-YES, SIR...
AGENTS?
YES, DOCTOR LIGHT?
IF IT WILL HELP IN ANY WAY...
...I WILL TURN MYSELF OVER TO YOUR CUSTODY, BY REMOVING MYSELF FROM THE SITUATION...
...I WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT NEITHER I NOR MEGA MAN WERE INVOLVED IN WILY'S ESCAPE.

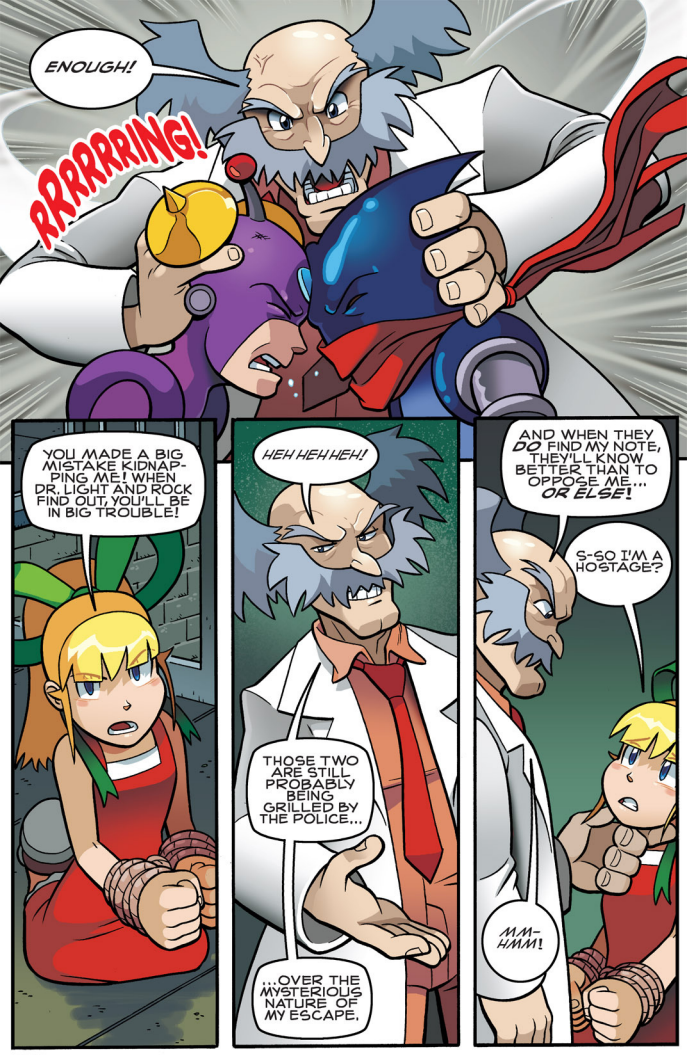

DOCTOR LIGHT! NO!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, SIR?
I KNOW THAT I AM INNOCENT AND I TRUST THAT JUSTICE WILL TAKE ITS COURSE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT SOME HARDER STUFF HIDDEN UNDER ALL THAT FLUFF, DOC. I CAN RESPECT THAT.
NO! YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! ISN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU CAN DO?
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, ROCK. THE FEDERAL AGENTS WILL JUST KEEP AN EYE ON ME. I WANT YOU TO GO HOME AND LOOK AFTER YOUR SISTER.
BUT--!
THIS WILL ALL BE CLEARED UP SOON, I PROMISE.

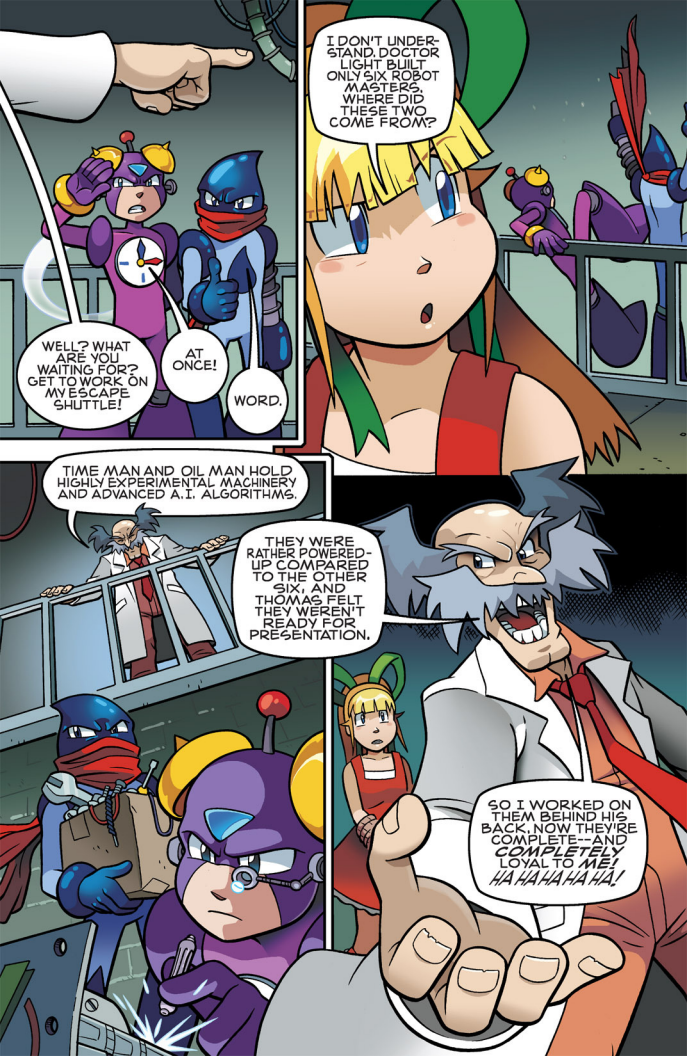
LIGHT LABS...
Thomas,
I have taken your precious little Robot Roll!
If you ever want to see her again in **one** piece, you won't contact the authorities and you won't send that lab robot you strapped a cannon to after me!
Once I've escaped, I'll contact you.
This is your only warning!
A.W.W.

Thomas,
I have taken your precious little Robot
you ever want to see her again in one piece, you won't contact authorities and won't send that after me!
If you ever want to see her again in one piece, you won't contact the authorities and


ELSEWHERE...
HMPH. I SUPPOSE THIS WILL SERVE MY PURPOSES. I SEE YOU'VE GATHERED THE PROPER TOOLS, PARTS, EQUIPMENT...
YOUR CLOTHES, MASTER.
AH! FINALLY, SOMETHING BEFITTING MY SCIENTIFIC GENIUS!
THIS WILL DO, BUT THE FACILITY IS A MESS!
I APOLOGIZE, SIR. IF I HAD BEEN ABLE TO KEEP TO MY SCHEDULE, EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS.
I WAS DELAYED BY--
--OIL MAN.
WADDUP?! OIL MAN IN THE HOUSE WITH HIS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

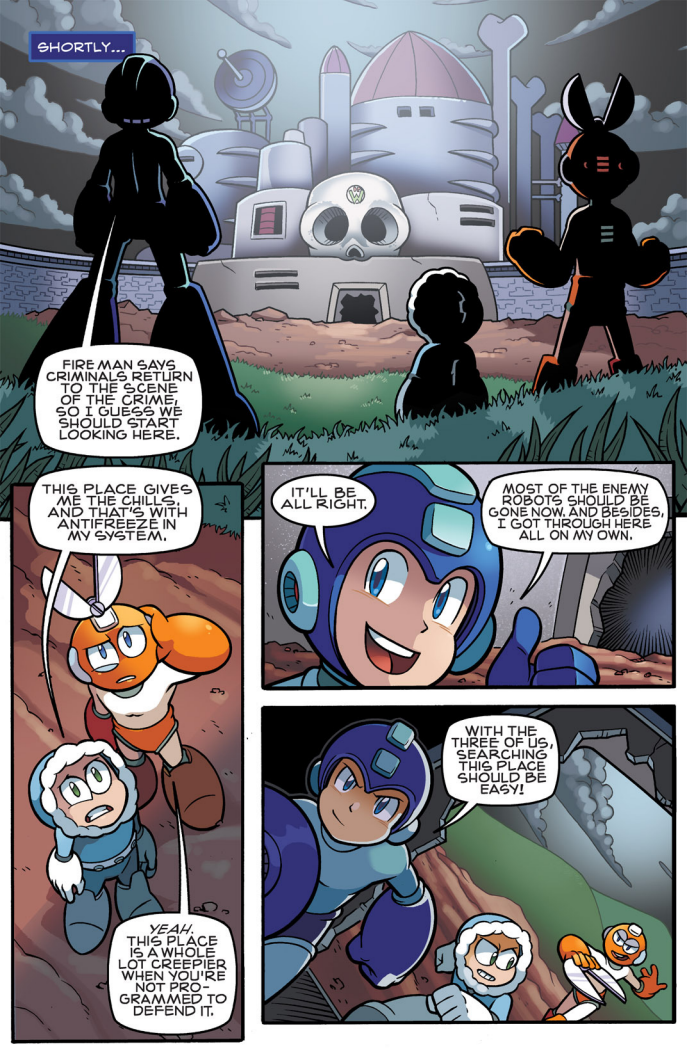
CHECK IT!
DOCTOR WILY?!
AH, OIL MAN! YOU'VE--
--ARRIVED LATE, AS USUAL.
BUT I SUCCEEDED, DIDN'T I? AND YOU DID, TOO, 'CAUSE BIG MAN WILY'S HERE! SO IT'S ALL GOOD, BABY!
I'VE HAD TO REVISE MY METICULOUS SCHEDULE MULTIPLE TIMES TO ALLOW FOR THE MARGIN OF ERROR CREATED BY YOUR--
RRRRRRING!
MAN, YOU'RE WOUND TOO TIGHT. RELAX BEFORE YOU BLOW A CIRCUIT.
YOU ARROGANT, IRRESPONSIBLE--!
YOU WANT ME TO CLEAN YOUR CLOCK?
LET'S GO, BABY.


ENOUGH!
RRRRRING!
YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE KIDNAPPING ME! WHEN DR. LIGHT AND ROCK FIND OUT, YOU'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE!
HEH HEH HEH!
THOSE TWO ARE STILL PROBABLY BEING GRILLED BY THE POLICE...
...OVER THE MYSTERIOUS NATURE OF MY ESCAPE.
AND WHEN THEY DO FIND MY NOTE, THEY'LL KNOW BETTER THAN TO OPPOSE ME... OR ELSE!
S-SO I'M A HOSTAGE?
MM-HMM!

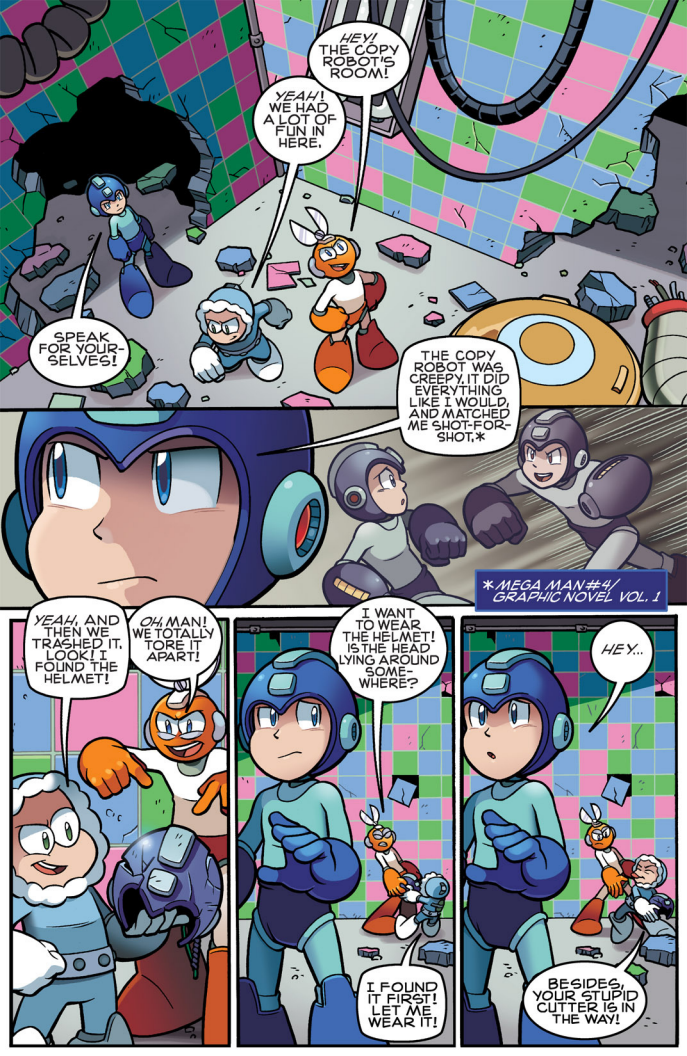

WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET TO WORK ON MY ESCAPE SHUTTLE!
AT ONCE!
WORD.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. DOCTOR LIGHT BUILT ONLY SIX ROBOT MASTERS, WHERE DID THESE TWO COME FROM?
TIME MAN AND OIL MAN HOLD HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL MACHINERY AND ADVANCED A.I. ALGORITHMS.
THEY WERE RATHER POWERED-UP COMPARED TO THE OTHER SIX, AND THOMAS FELT THEY WEREN'T READY FOR PRESENTATION.
SO I WORKED ON THEM BEHIND HIS BACK, NOW THEY'RE COMPLETE--AND *COMPLETELY* LOYAL TO *ME!* HA HA HA HA HA!

DOWNTOWN...
BATTER UP!
BOOM!
CRACK
BLAM
GUYS! WE'VE GOT A BIG PROBLEM!

ONE EXPLANATION LATER...
...AND DR. LIGHT IS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY. I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN STOP DR. WILY AND KEEP ROLL FROM GETTING HURT AT THE SAME TIME. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
HMM...
...AND YOU'RE RIGHT IN THAT YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO DO THIS ALONE.
BUT WE CAN'T JUST ABANDON THE CLEAN-UP EFFORT.
I THINK WILY IS BLUFFING. ROLL IS TOO IMPORTANT A HOSTAGE FOR HIM TO JUST DESTROY HER. HE'D HAVE NOTHING TO BARGAIN WITH. THEY NEED TO BE FOUND...
YEAH, WE'LL CRUSH THE TINY WILY MAN!
AGREED. WE ARE BOUND BY OUR DUTY.
THEN LET'S SPLIT INTO TEAMS SO WE CAN DO BOTH.
I'LL GO WITH MR. ROCK AND HELP SEARCH!
ME, TOO! I WON'T LET WILY GET AWAY WITH KIDNAP-PING POOR ROLL!
THANKS, GUYS!


SHORTLY...
FIRE MAN SAYS CRIMINALS RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, SO I GUESS WE SHOULD START LOOKING HERE.
THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CHILLS, AND THAT'S WITH ANTIFREEZE IN MY SYSTEM.
YEAH. THIS PLACE IS A WHOLE LOT CREEPIER WHEN YOU'RE NOT PROGRAMMED TO DEFEND IT.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
MOST OF THE ENEMY ROBOTS SHOULD BE GONE NOW, AND BESIDES, I GOT THROUGH HERE ALL ON MY OWN.
WITH THE THREE OF US, SEARCHING THIS PLACE SHOULD BE EASY!

Dr. W


HEY! THE COPY ROBOT'S ROOM!
YEAH! WE HAD A LOT OF FUN IN HERE.
SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELVES!
THE COPY ROBOT WAS CREEPY. IT DID EVERYTHING LIKE I WOULD, AND MATCHED ME SHOT-FOR-SHOT.*
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YEAH, AND THEN WE TRASHED IT. LOOK! I FOUND THE HELMET!
OH, MAN! WE TOTALLY TORE IT APART!
I WANT TO WEAR THE HELMET! IS THE HEAD LYING AROUND SOME-WHERE?
I FOUND IT FIRST! LET ME WEAR IT!
HEY...
BESIDES, YOUR STUPID CUTTER IS IN THE WAY!

HEY GUYS? WHERE DOES THIS GO?
HOW SHOULD WE KNOW? WE MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT HERE, BUT WE WEREN'T ACTIVATED HERE.
AND WILY DIDN'T GIVE US A TOUR. HE JUST GAVE US ORDERS.
LEAD THE WAY, SIR!
SO THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGE LEADING UNDER THE FACTORY. THAT SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH TO ME.

CLANG!
DOCTOR WILY HAS GOT TO BE HIDING SOMETHING DOWN HERE.
MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO IMPORTANT. THE GUARD ROBOTS ARE ALL--
--IN SLEEP-MODE. UH-OH.
AAAAAH!
AAAAAH!

CLANG!
OW!
ACK!
OOF!
WELL, THAT DOESN'T LOOK VERY PROMISING.
AND NEITHER DOES THAT. I THINK WE'RE LOST.
MAYBE... WE COULD GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME?
OH, YEAH? HOW? FLY?! I CAN'T GET A CLEAR TELEPORTER SIGNAL IN HERE, CAN YOU?
HEY, CUT ME SOME SLACK!
CUTTING IS YOUR THING!
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO COLD!
GUYS! GUYS! SHH!! DO YOU HEAR THAT?
rrrrrumble...

RRRRRUMBLE!
RRRRRUMBLE!
RRRRR
RUMBLE!

GET ME UP FRONT! I HAVE A PLAN!

WHAT WAS THAT?!
I WAS TRYING TO SEAL OFF THE WATER!
WELL YOU FAILED! MISERABLY!
WELL, MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE TRIED TO CUT THE WATER! I'M SURE THAT WOULD'VE WORKED!
HEY...UH... EITHER OF YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

BECAUSE IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY FRIENDLY.
OUR HEROES *DIVIDED* AND IN *PERIL!* DOCTOR WILY ON THE LOOSE! THINGS KEEP GOING *FROM BAD TO WORSE!* DON'T MISS THE *NEXT* THRILLING *ISSUE*, OR THE BRAND-NEW MEGA MAN *GRAPHIC NOVEL*--
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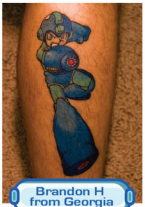

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It's TIME again (get it?) to crack open the ol' mail bag and read what you guys and gals out there are saying about "Mega Man"! Take it away!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I just wanted to commend your work with capturing the blue bomber in my eyes as an accurate, successful comic adaptation.

It's what we were hoping to do! Glad you're enjoying!

I feel like Mega Man has been given a second chance to showcase his adventures. I am a die hard fan and am very critical when it comes to the story so I will be looking forward to further work.

Hey, we can all be critical from time to time - that's what the internet is for!

I am myself an illustrator and am venturing into creating my own comic series and I wanted to say that your work has inspired me to push my work further.

Awesome! Keep at it and make sure you send us some fan art to put in the book!

Let's cross our fingers we see some Mega Man X!

Andrew V.
from NEW YORK

Thanks for writing in, Andrew! That's two requests for Mega Man X from this month and last month! Anyone else?

Dear Mega-Mail,
This is perhaps the greatest comic book I've ever read! I actually found this series by accident and nearly had a heart attack!

When I heard you could subscribe to get monthly issues, I did right away! Thank you, Spaz, Gary, John, Matt and everyone else who made this possible! This is now the highlight of my month!

Sincerely,
Robert O.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Wow! To coin a phrase - 'Nuff said!

Dear Mega-Mail,
My son, Nolan, is 4 and his favorite comic book is Mega Man. He has been exposed to mostly DC comics as I freelance for them. He saw an ad in tiny titans and Mega Man has taken over as his favorite. I will be picking up #5 for him this week. He also picked up his first Archie comic and enjoys it. His one request is that Proto Man appear in the Mega Man stories soon. Thanks for the excellent kid-friendly material to get my son started out as a comic book reader!

Jack and Nolan P.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

You win my esteemed "favorite-letter-of-the-month" award! Always nice to hear from both old and new fans of the blue bomber alike! As for Proto Man, keep your eyes peeled, when he debuts it's gonna rock Mega Man's world!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I've been a Mega Man fan since I was in 3rd grade (I'm turning 30 this year so yeah... long time fan) and I just want to say thank you for doing such a wonderful job with one of my favorite heroes of all time.

Twas our pleasure! We're all fans of Mega Man, too and are very pleased that other longtime fans seem to think we're doing the story justice!

The comics are beautifully illustrated and the story is great. I just read issue 5 today and love where this story arc is headed. I also liked Dr. Light's "X-factor" mention when he was talking about creating a robot with free will. Nice little nod to X there.

Good catch!

Speaking of X, if you're ever in the mood to branch out in the Mega-verse I would love, more than anything, to see your team take on Mega Man X. As I said above, Mega Man is ONE of my favorite heroes, my all time favorite is Zero from the Mega Man X series. It would just make my day to see a Mega Man X series one day.

That's three, THREE Mega Man X requests ah ah ah *kra-kroom*

Just a suggestion ;)
Keep up the great work and thanks again!!

Angie
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for reading, Angie! We hope you dig what we've got in store for you through this arc and beyond!

Well, that's it for this month's letters - keep writing in and sending your fan art! We want to hear from YOU!

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